



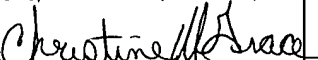
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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR  
TREATING RAGE-ASSOCIATED  
DISORDERS

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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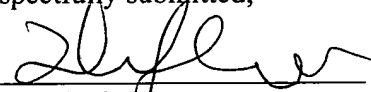
In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 24, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-32 and 42-44), drawn to a fusion protein comprising a Receptor for Advanced Glycation End Product Ligand Binding Element (RAGE-LBE). Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

This response is accompanied by a request for a three-month extension of time and appropriate fees. If an addition fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. **WYTH-P01-002** from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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